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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir,

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed on June 8, 2006, for which an appeal brief is due to be filed on January 8, 2007 with a 5-month extension of time previously requested. The Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 132 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and request that the above-identified application be amended as presented herein and re-examined in accordance with the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.